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Docket No.: 0905-0262P

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/589,278 filed on June 8, 2000,  
which is a divisional of Application No. 09/014,383, filed on  
January 27, 1998 the entire contents of which are hereby  
incorporated by reference,  
by

Hiroyuki KURASE

for

DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD AND DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND  
BATTERY CHARGING APPARATUS AND METHOD

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$710.00	\$355.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	2-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 80 = \$0.00	x 40 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$270.00	+ \$135.00
TOTAL			\$710.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/589,278, filed on June 8, 2000, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/014,383, filed on January 27, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 9-28290 and 9-82421 filed in JAPAN on January 27, 1997 and March 17, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/589,278, filed on June 8, 2000 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/589,278 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are nine (9) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/589,278 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.
9. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 9-28290 and 9-82421 filed in JAPAN on January 29, 1997 and March 17, 1997 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on January 27, 1998.
- 10b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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13. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/589,278 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:  
  
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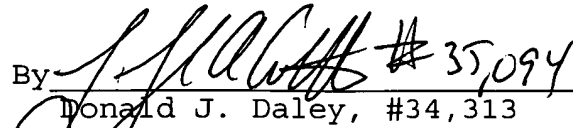
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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